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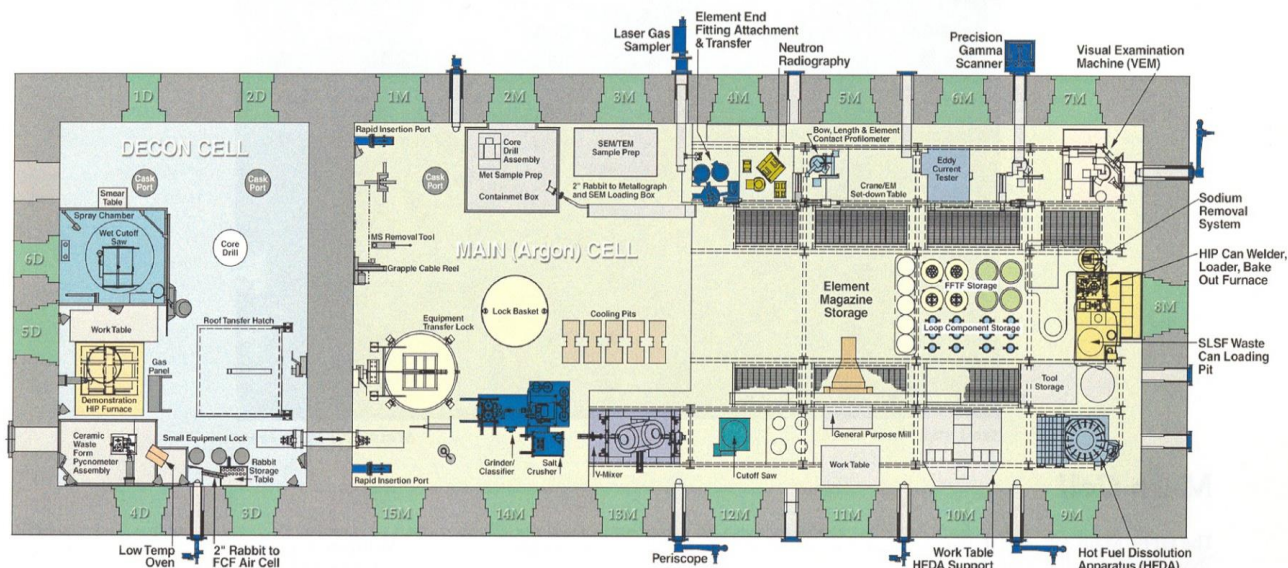
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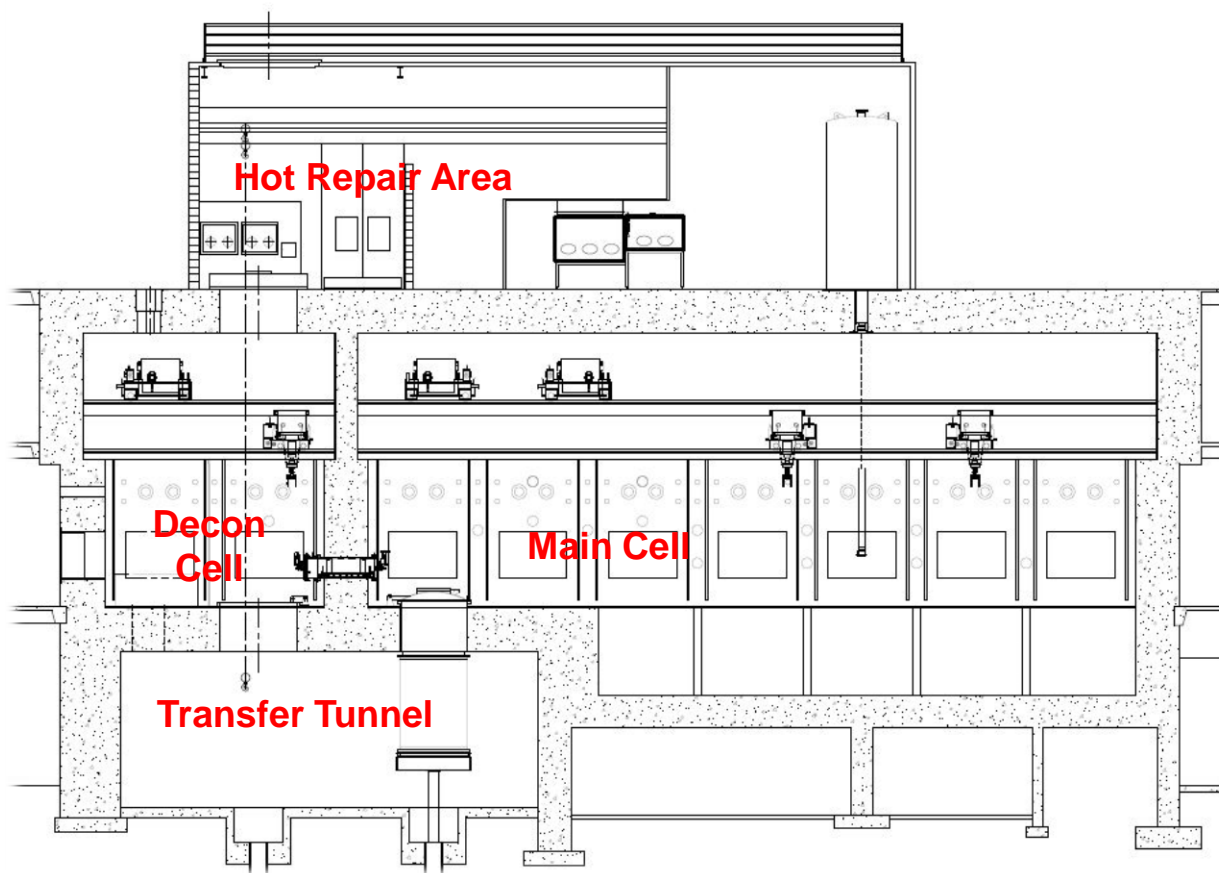


# Hot Fuels Examination Facility (HFEF) Overview

- Main Cell (Argon Atmosphere)
  - Concrete shielded, gas tight, steel lined
  - 70 ft x 30 ft x 25 ft High (21.3 m x 9.1 m x 7.6 m high)
  - 8 ft (2.4 m) deep space with removable flooring
- Decon Cell (Air Atmosphere)
  - Concrete shielded, gas tight, steel lined
  - 20 ft x 30 ft x 25 ft High (6.1 m x 9.1 m x 7.6 m high)



# *Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF)*



## ***HFEF Main Cell Atmosphere Control***

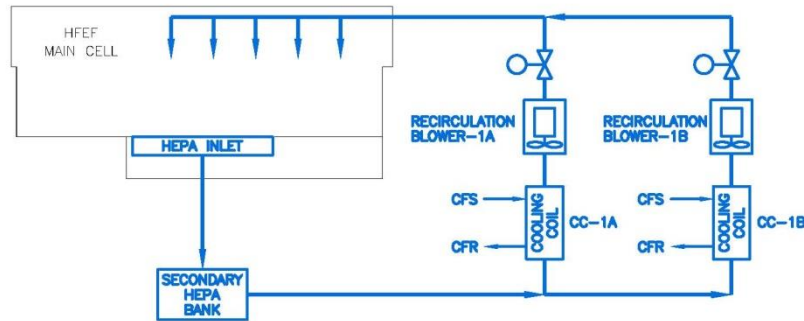
- Cell Pressure
  - Normal Range: -1 to -4 in. w.c. (-250 to -100 Pa)
  - Minimum: -22 in w.c. (-5.4 kPa)
  - Maximum: +3 in. w.c. (74 Pa)
- Temperature
  - Normal Range: 70 – 100 deg F (21 – 37 deg C)
  - Min 65 deg F (18 deg C)
  - Max 105 deg F (40 deg C)
- Oxygen: 25 – 100 ppm
- Moisture: 20 – 100 ppm

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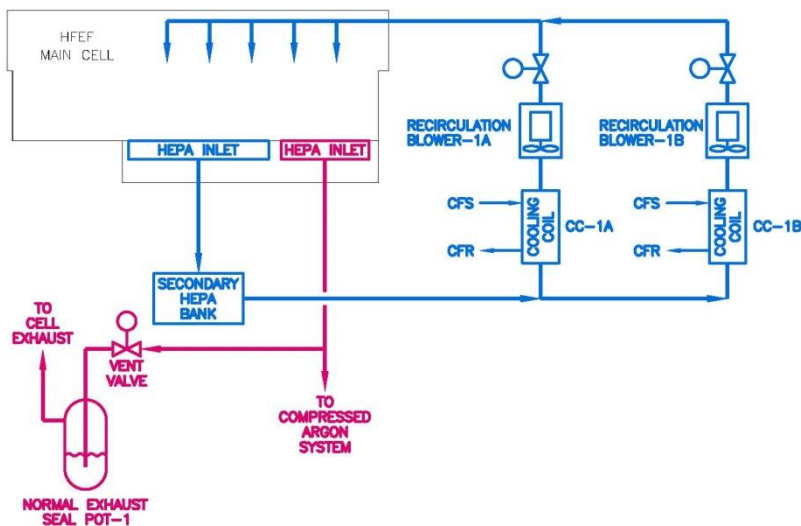
- Main Cell Cooling System
  - Circulate and cool the cell gas
  - Removes the heat via cooling fluid and refrigeration system
  - Controls cell pressure
  - HEPA Filtered
- Vent System
  - Seal pot (No. 1) prevents back diffusion of air into the cell
- Argon Supply
  - Addition of clean argon
  - Addition of emergency argon for under pressure protection
- Pressure Relief
  - Seal Pot (No. 2) Over and under pressure protection
- Purification System
  - Removes moisture and oxygen from the cell atmosphere
- Atmosphere Monitoring



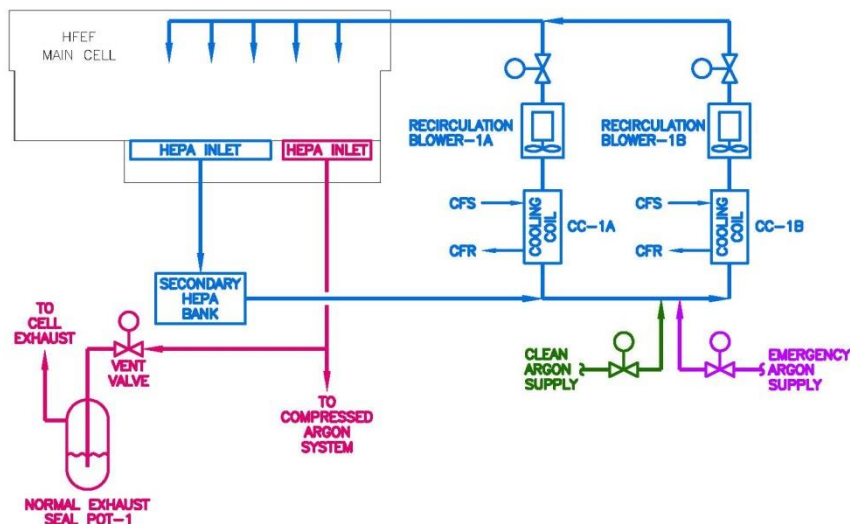
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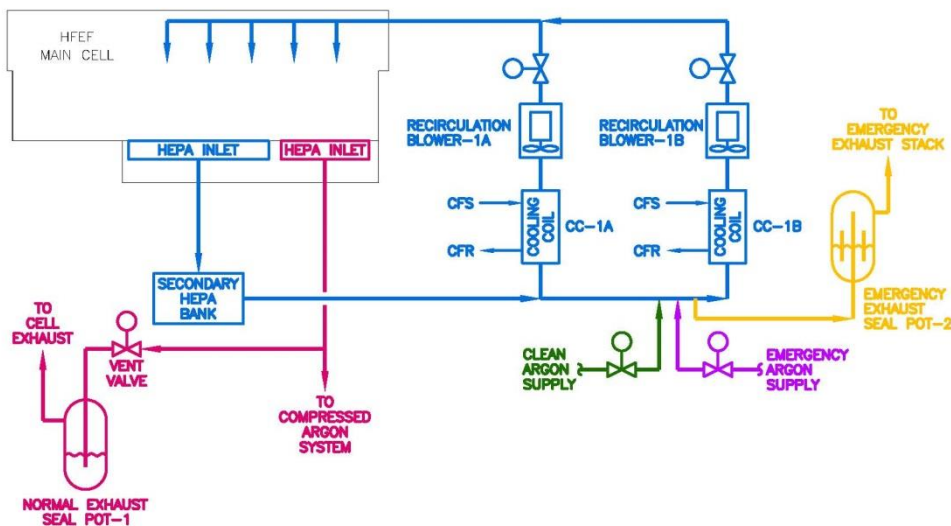
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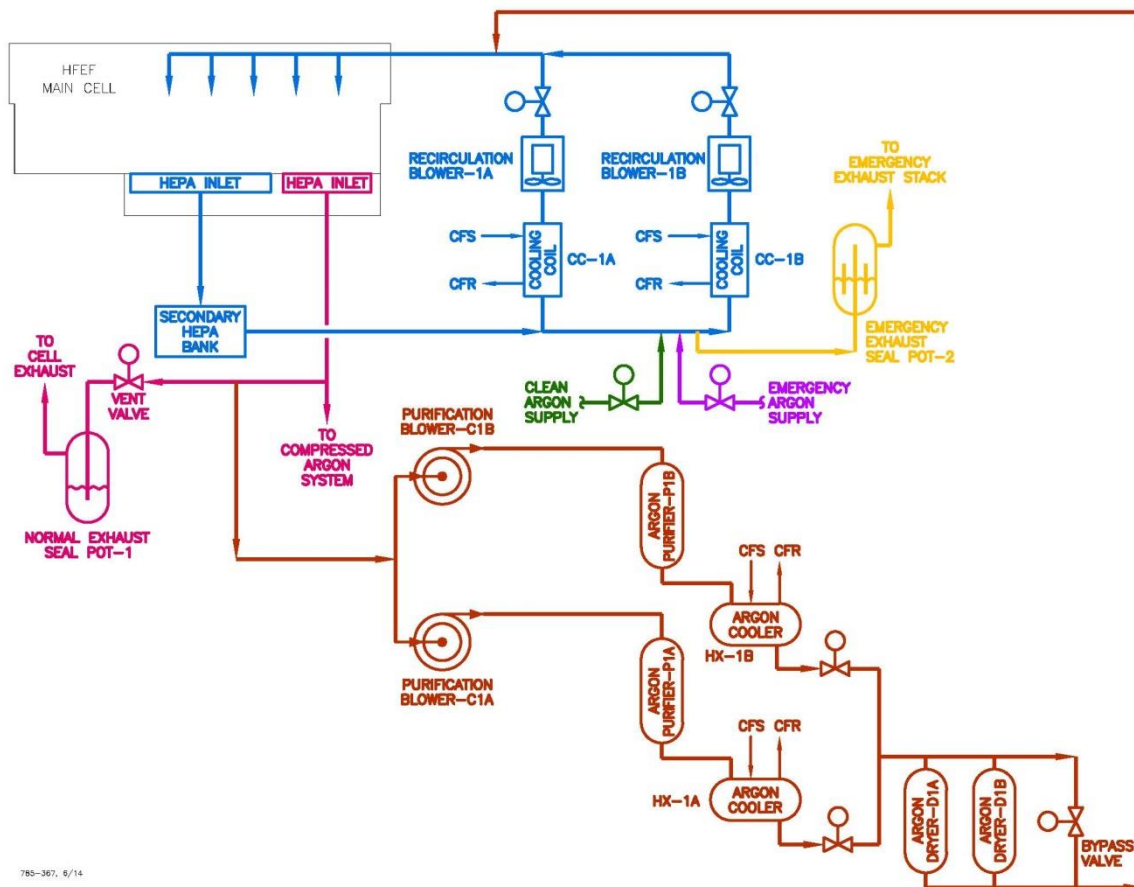
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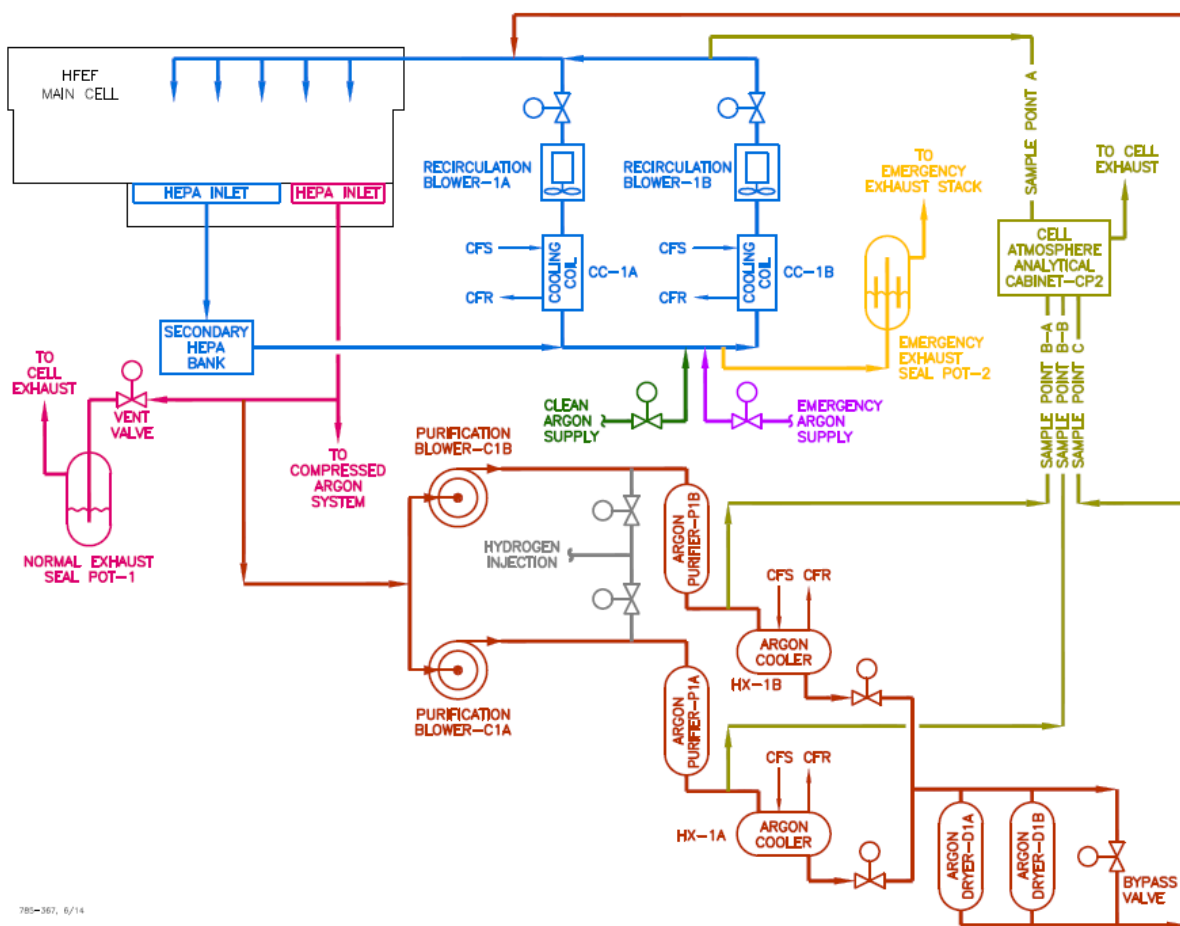
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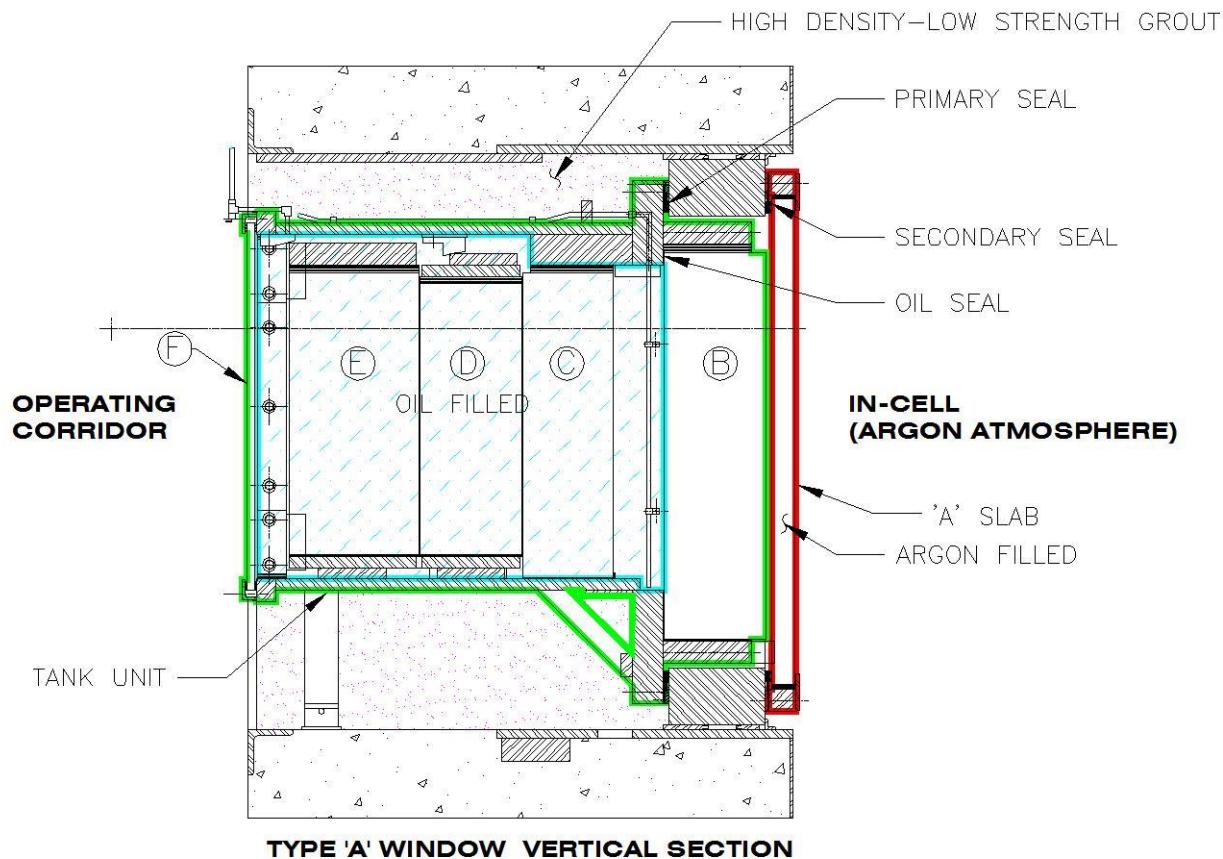
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## ***HFEF Main Cell Shield Windows***

- Oil-filled
- Lead glass shielding windows
- Hinged protective cover plate (in-cell)
- Oil Expansion tank with argon cover gas
- Light Transmittance: 38%

# HFEF Main Cell Shield Windows (Continued)





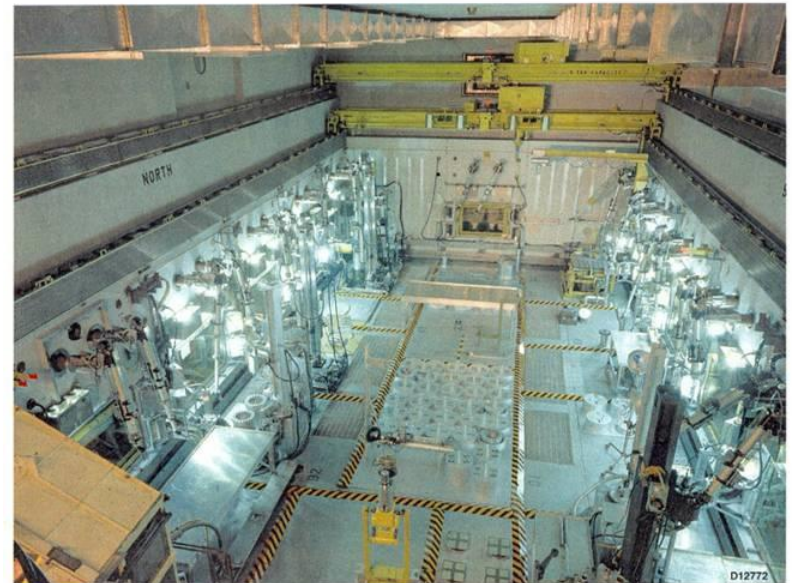
## ***HFEF Main Cell Shield Windows (Continued)***

- The tank assembly contains three heavy glass slabs, labeled C and D (cerium-stabilized), and E. The hot end is sealed with a 9 in. thick slab of cerium stabilized glass (B) and the cold end is sealed with a 20-mm-thick plate of the same type of glass (F) but with no cerium (total glass weight is 6734 lb/6734 kg). The glass schedule is as follows:

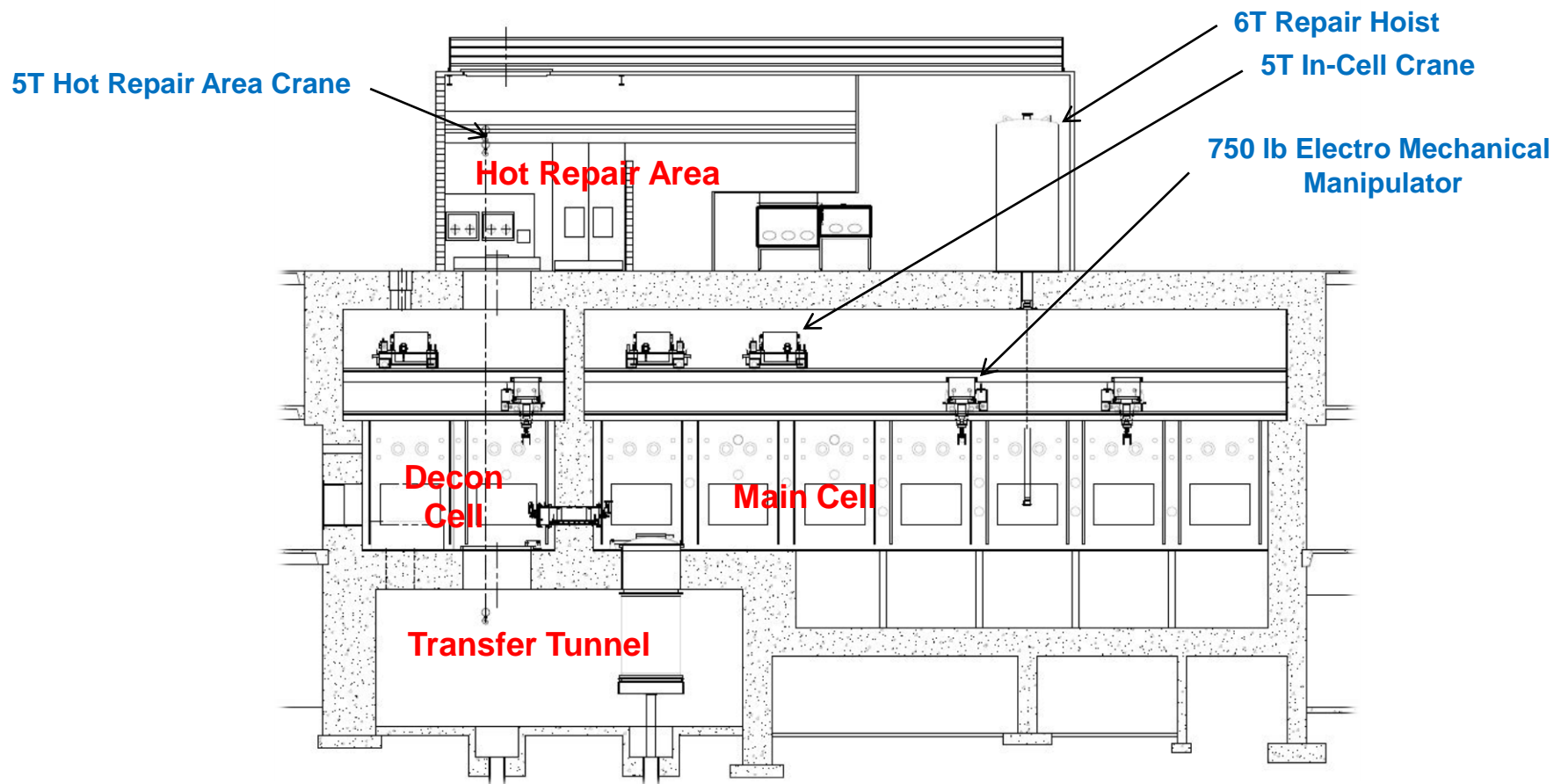
Slab	Density	Thickness	Composition Comments
A	2.53	5.1 cm (2 in.)	Cerium-stabilized
B	2.53	22.9 cm (9 in.)	Cerium-stabilized
C	3.23	20.3 cm (8 in.)	Cerium-stabilized
D	3.23	22.9 cm (9 in.)	Cerium-stabilized
E	5.20	29.2 cm (11.5 in.)	
F	2.53	1.9 cm (0.75 in.)	

# ***Material Handling System Overview***

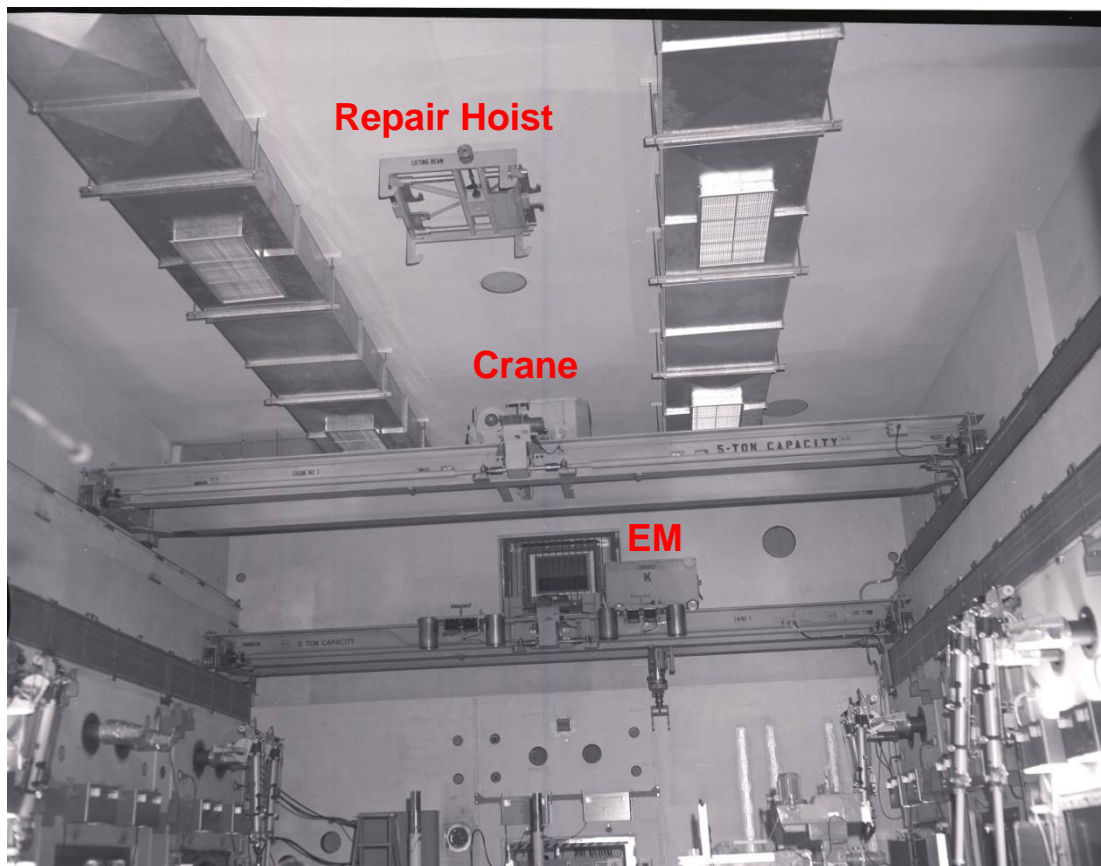
- Maximum Overall Equipment Handling Envelope (not including casks)
  - Capacity - 5 Ton (4,540 kg)
  - Max Height – 12 ft. 10 in. (3.91 m)
  - Max Diameter - 6 ft. (1.83 m)
- In-Cell Overhead Handling (Three Levels)
  - Repair Hoist (Maintenance Use Only)
  - Cranes
  - Electro – Mechanical Manipulator (EM or EMM)
- Through the Wall Manipulators
- Transfer Systems
  - Large Lock
  - Small Lock
  - Rapid Insertion Port



# Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Overhead Handling

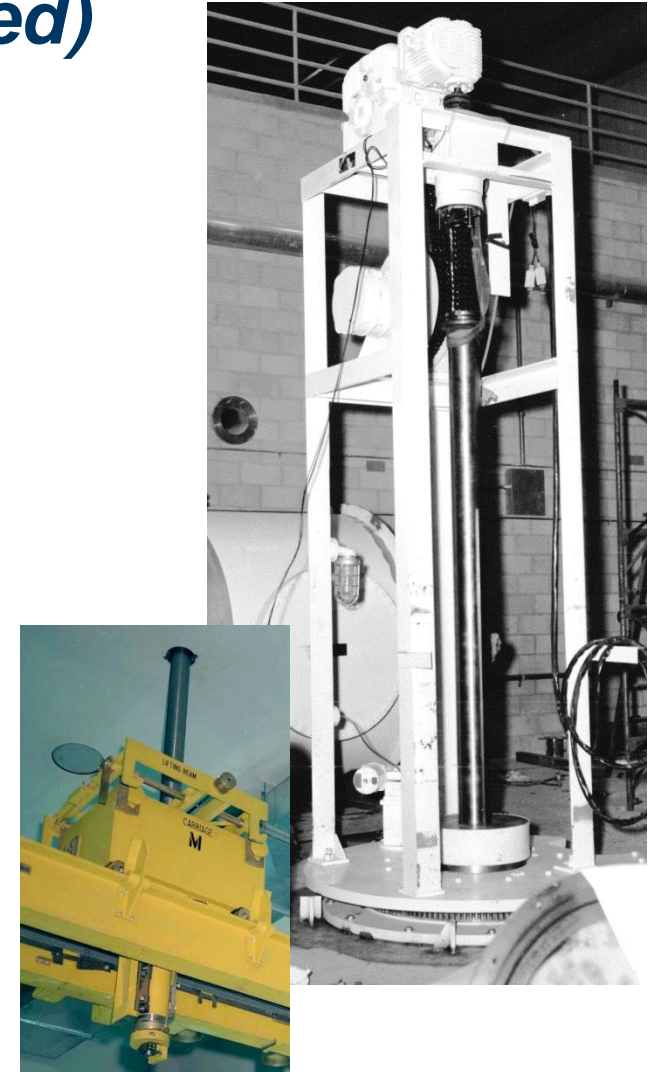


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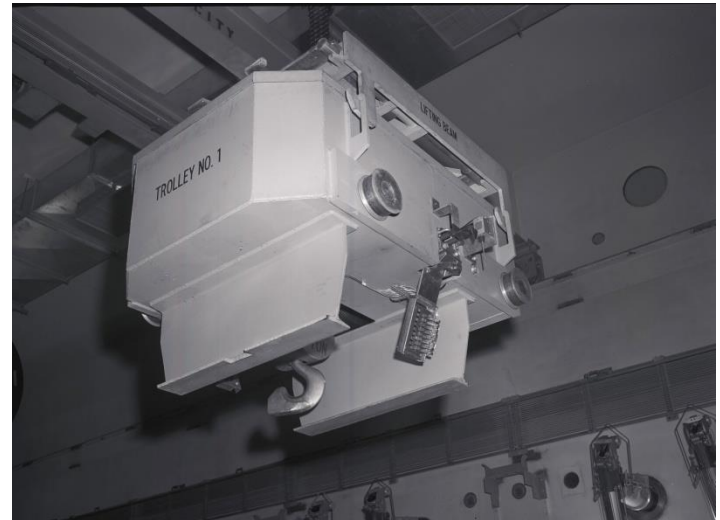
- Repair Hoist (Maintenance Use Only)
  - For removal of EM carriages, crane trolleys, bridge drive modules, bridge removal, and supports buss bar replacement
  - Capacity – 6 T (required for bridge removal)
  - Rotation for removing bridges and swapping carriages/trolleys between bridges.
  - Rigid tube (10ft/3.05 m)) for rigid positioning for placing components on bridges. Hollow tube is only in affect at the bridge level and above.
  - Isolable and shielded from the main cell for entry into the repair hoist confinement.





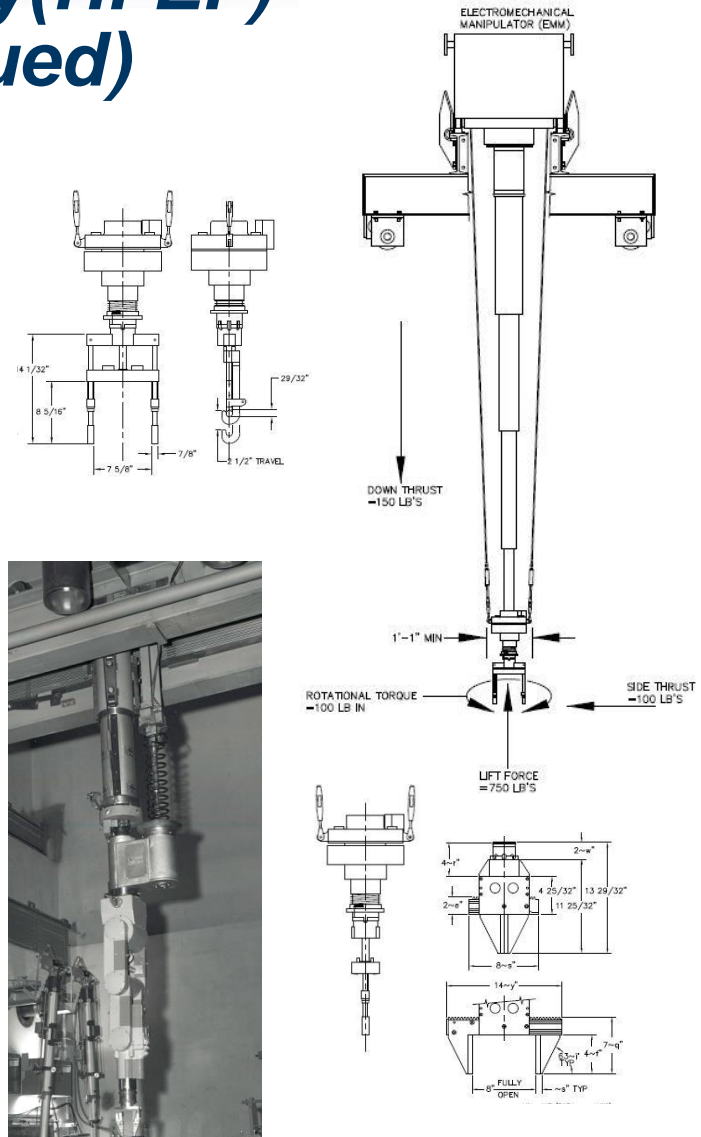
# ***Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Overhead Handling (Continued)***

- In-Cell Crane
  - General lifting and handling
  - 5 T Capacity
  - Remotely removable components
    - Crane Trolley
    - Bridge Drive Module
    - Bridge
    - Wall Buss Bars



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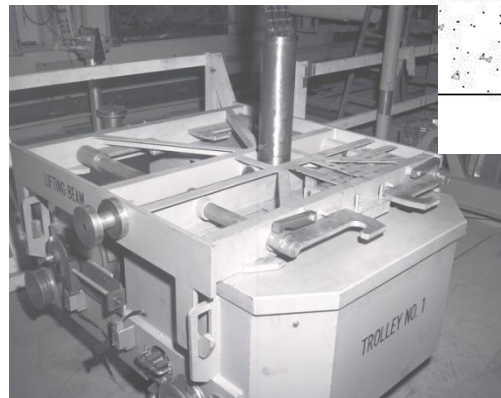
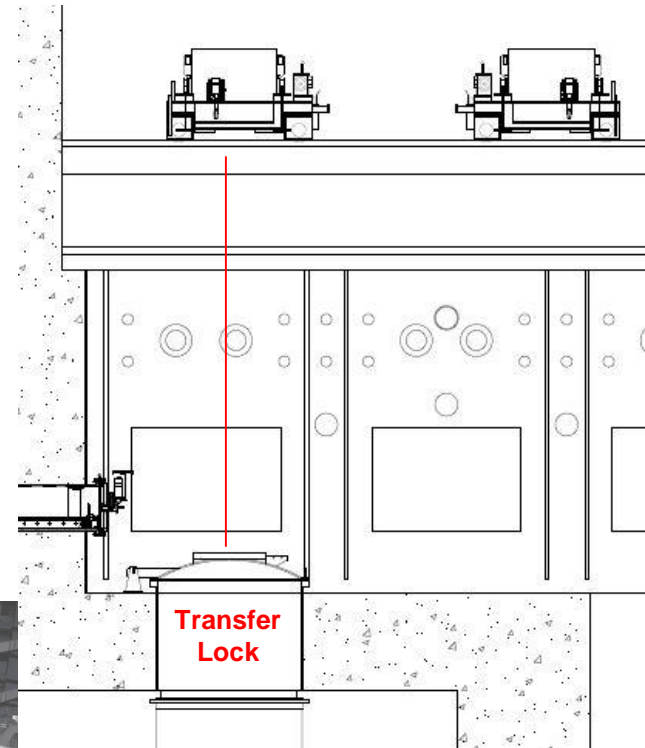
- Electro-Mechanical Manipulator (EM)
  - Majority of in-cell lifting and handling
    - Lift 750 lbs (340 kg)
    - Rotate 100 ft-lbs (135 N\*m)
    - End Effectors
      - Dual Grip
      - Single Grip
      - Parallel Jaws
  - Off-Center Load
  - Articulated Arm (PaR 3000) (not currently used)
  - Bridge Cell Lighting



# Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Overhead Handling (Continued)

- Minimum Configuration (Main Cell)
  - One Crane with access to the transfer lock
  - **OR**, one EM for supporting repair hoist operations

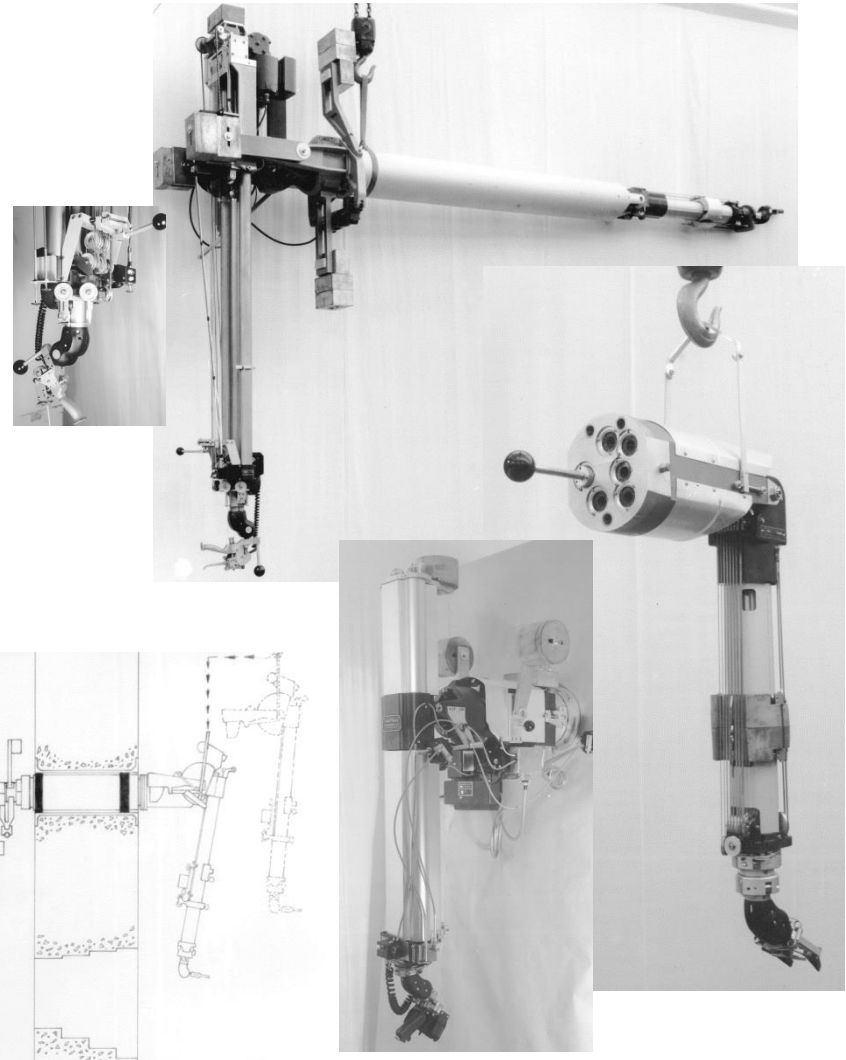
If one of the conditions is met, only handling operations to return the cell to full operations is permitted.





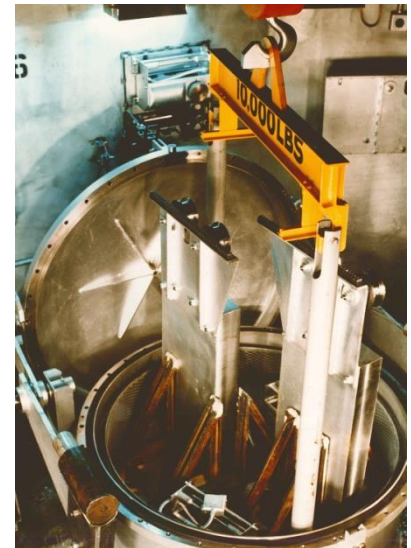
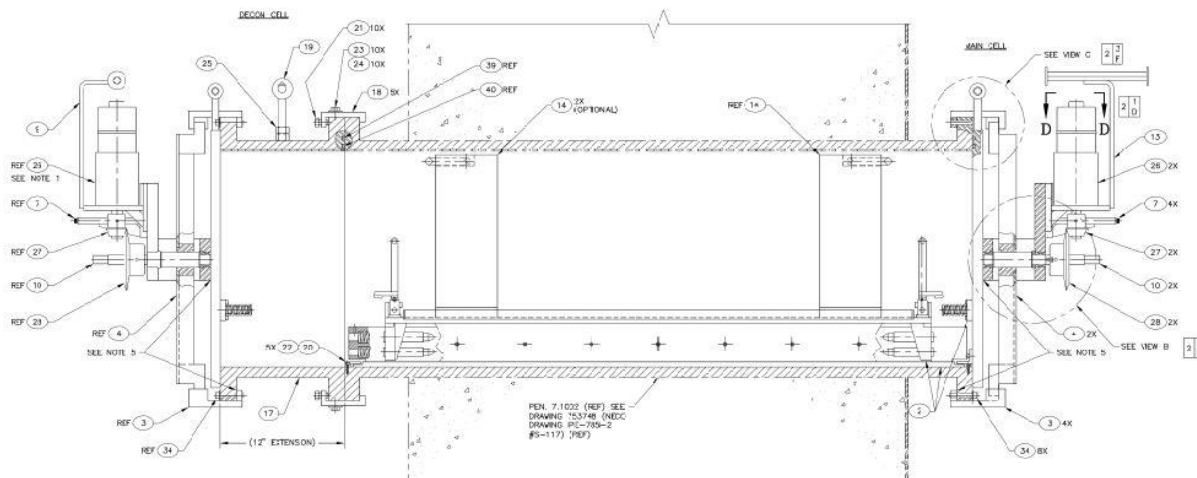
# Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Thru Wall Manipulators

- One piece manipulator is desirable due to reduced cost, simplicity, increased dexterity. In-cell boot for contamination control lowers dexterity.
- Three piece manipulator (master arm, seal tube, slave arm) is required for negative inert atmospheres.

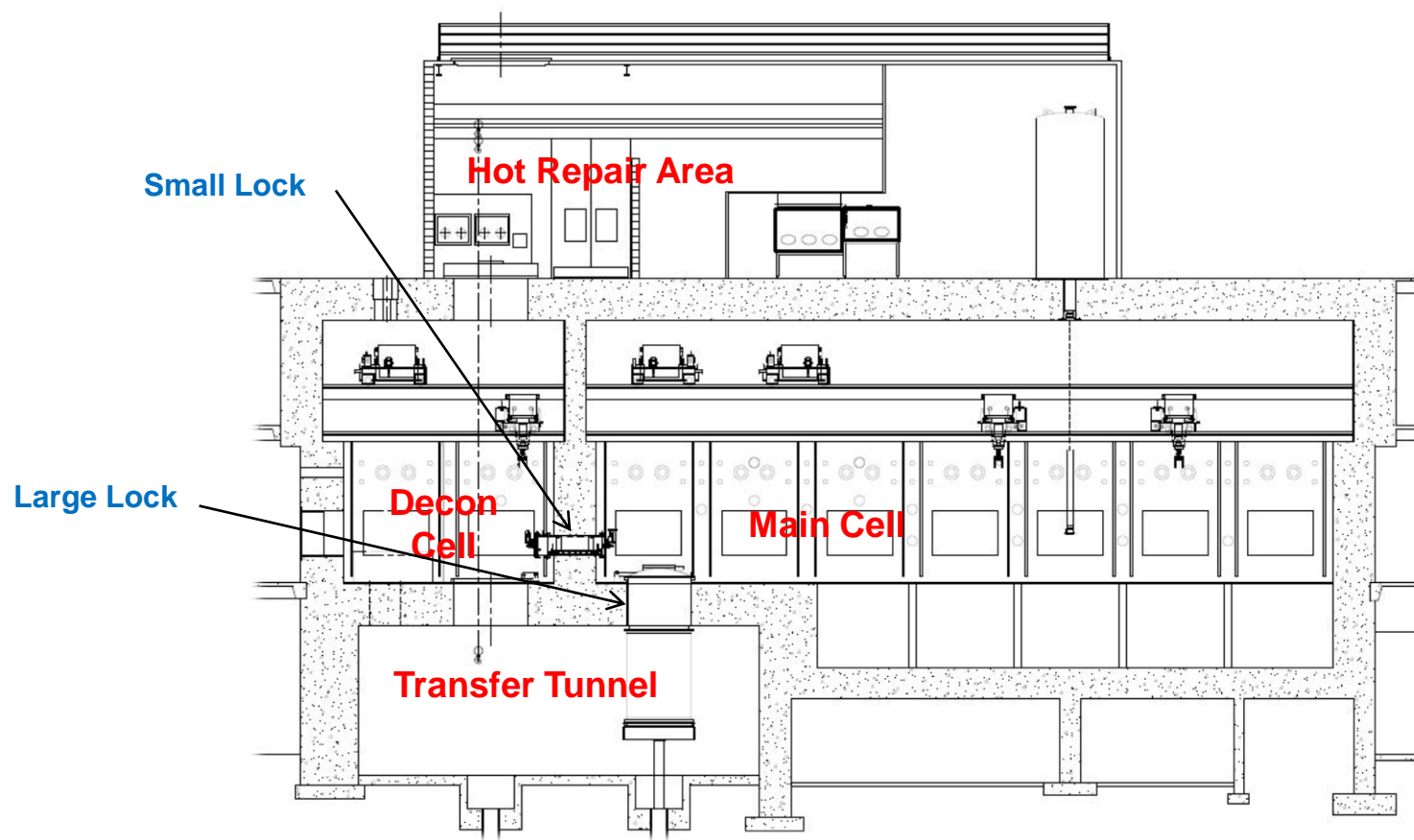


# Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Transfer Systems

- **Large Lock** – for the transfer of large objects (max transfer envelope) between the decon cell and the main cell while maintaining the cell atmosphere.
- **Small Lock** - for the transfer of small objects (max transfer envelope) between the decon cell and the main cell while maintaining the cell atmosphere.
- **Rapid Insertion Port (RIP)** – for the transfer of small objects (Approximately 5 in. dia x 18 in long/12.7 cm x 45.7 cm) directly into the main or decon cells while maintaining the cell atmosphere.

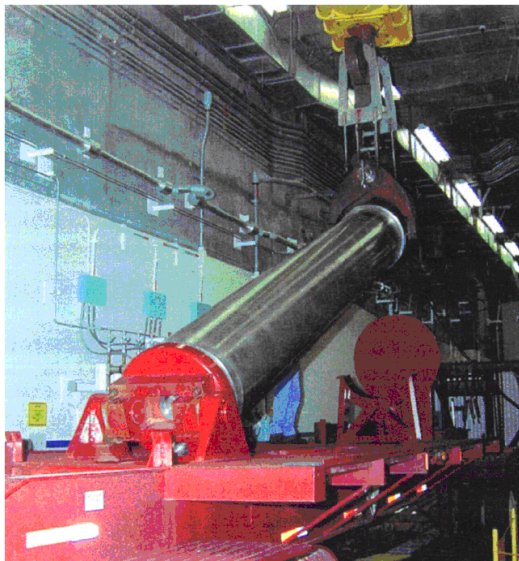


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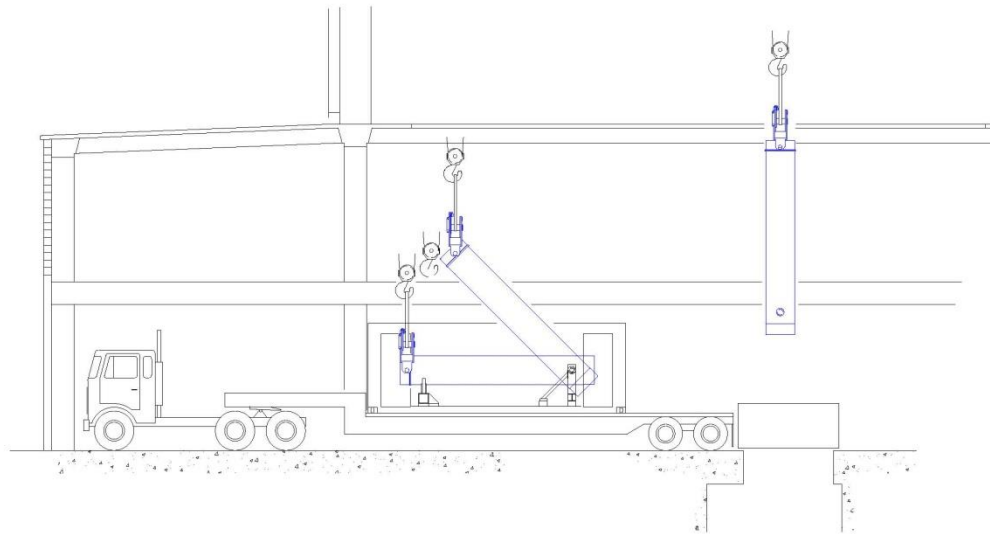
## ***Hot Fuel Examination Facility(HFEF) Cask Transfer Systems***

- Used for vertical transfers of cask payloads into and out of the cells
- Cask Tunnel Penetrations
  - Two penetrations in the Decon Cell
  - One penetration in the Main Cell
- Cask Cart - 30 Ton Capacity



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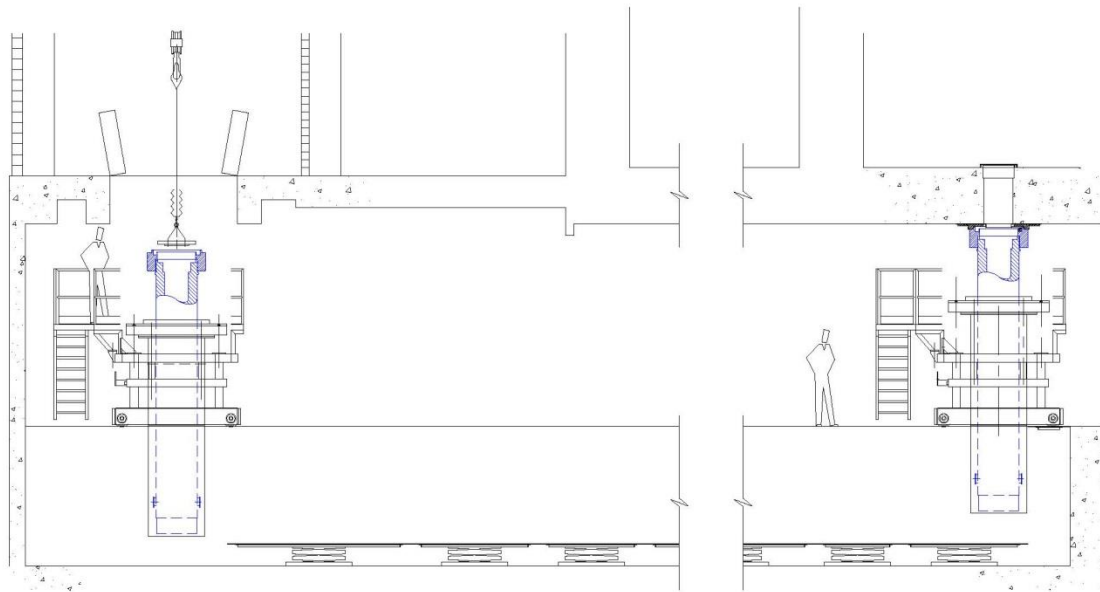
- Cask Transfer to/from truck.





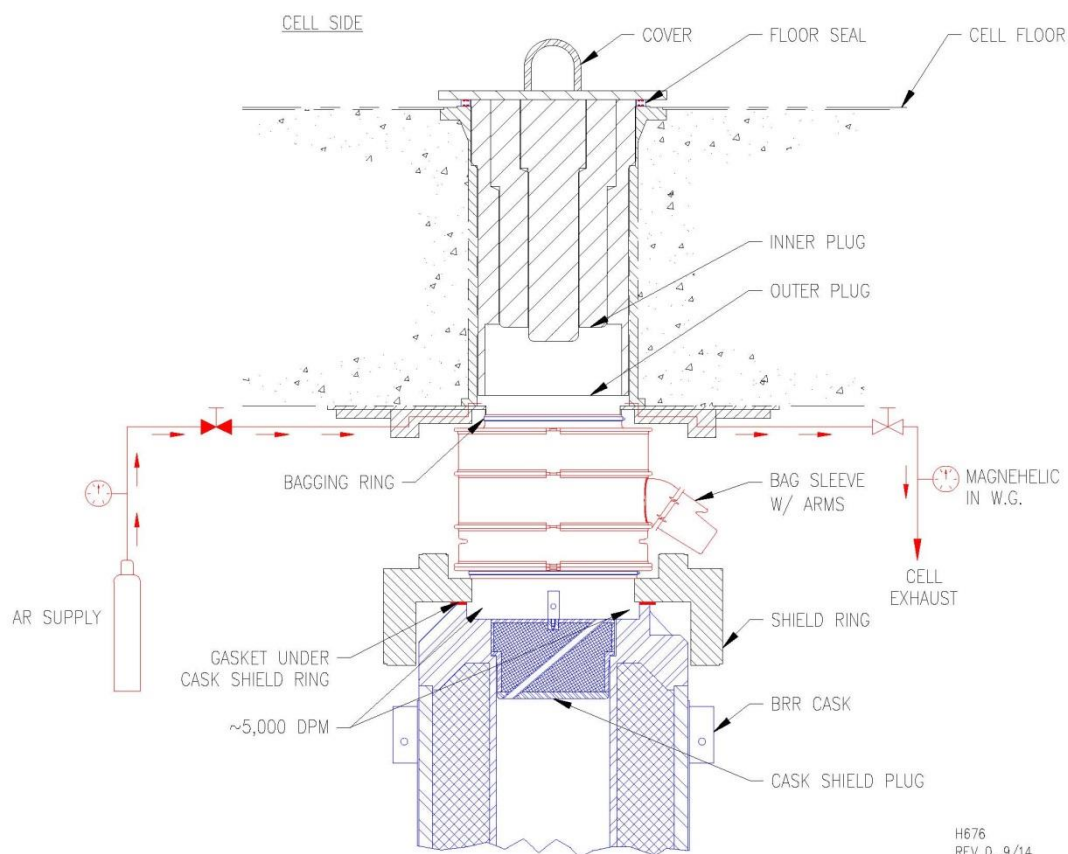
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- Cask Tunnel Transfer



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- Cask Bagging Operations



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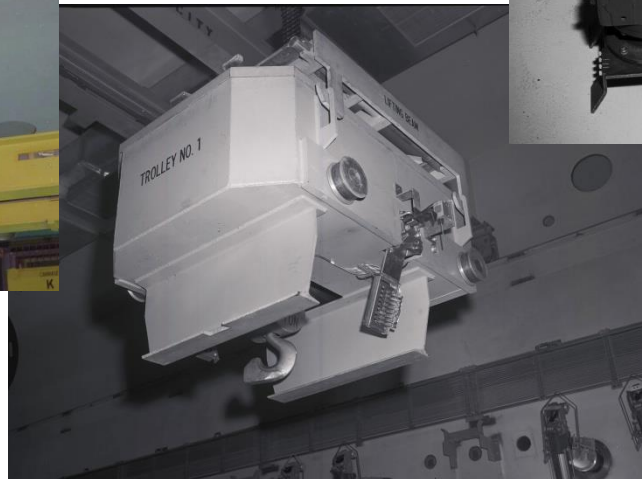
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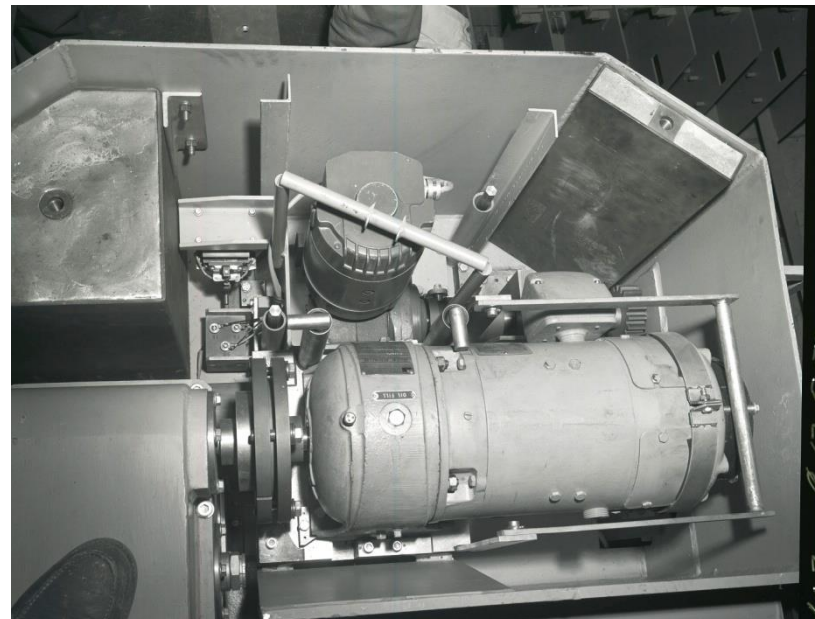
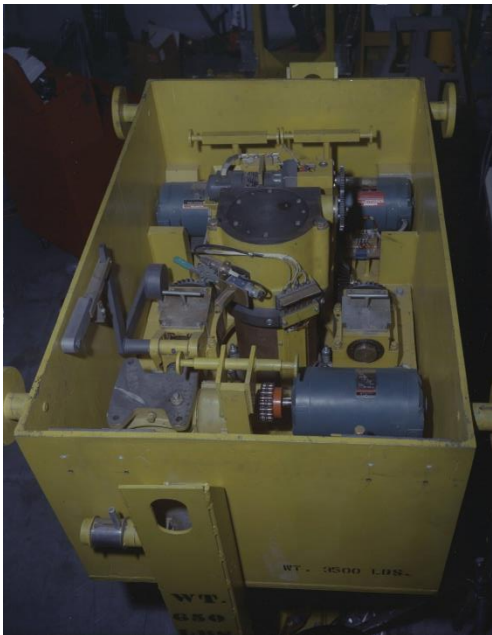
# Overhead Handling System Design Features

- Modular major component design. Frequent major component mechanical and electrical connections integrated into a single operation installation and removal. Major components are normally removed from the cell and transferred to the HRA for contact maintenance.
  - Crane trolley or EM carriage (Interchangeable between like bridges)
  - Bridge drive module (BDM) for crane bridge and EM bridge (Interchangeable between all bridges)
  - EM Bridge Lighting.



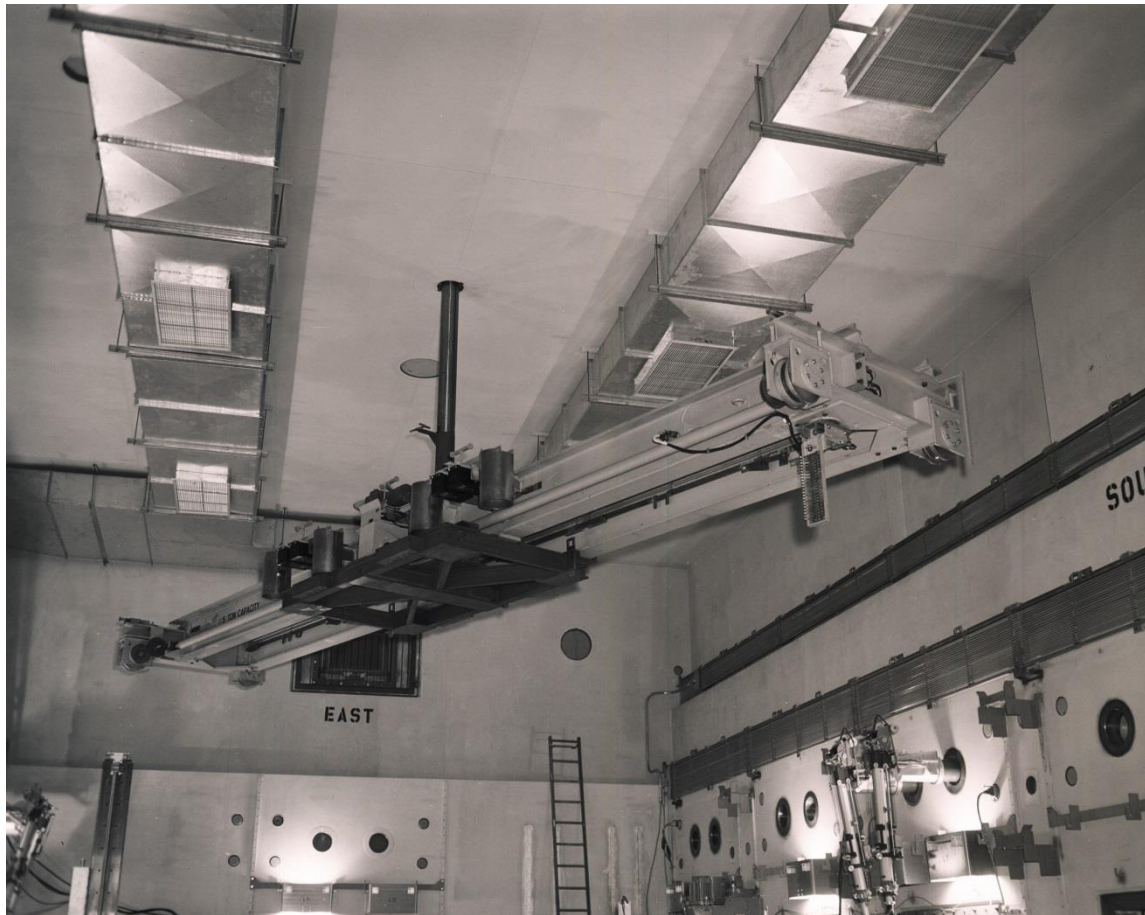
# Overhead Handling System Design Features (Continued)

- Modular component design for motor assemblies within the crane trolley and EM carriage.
  - The design allows for remote motor assembly replacement (not practiced).
  - Improves access to components and lowers dose associated with repairs.



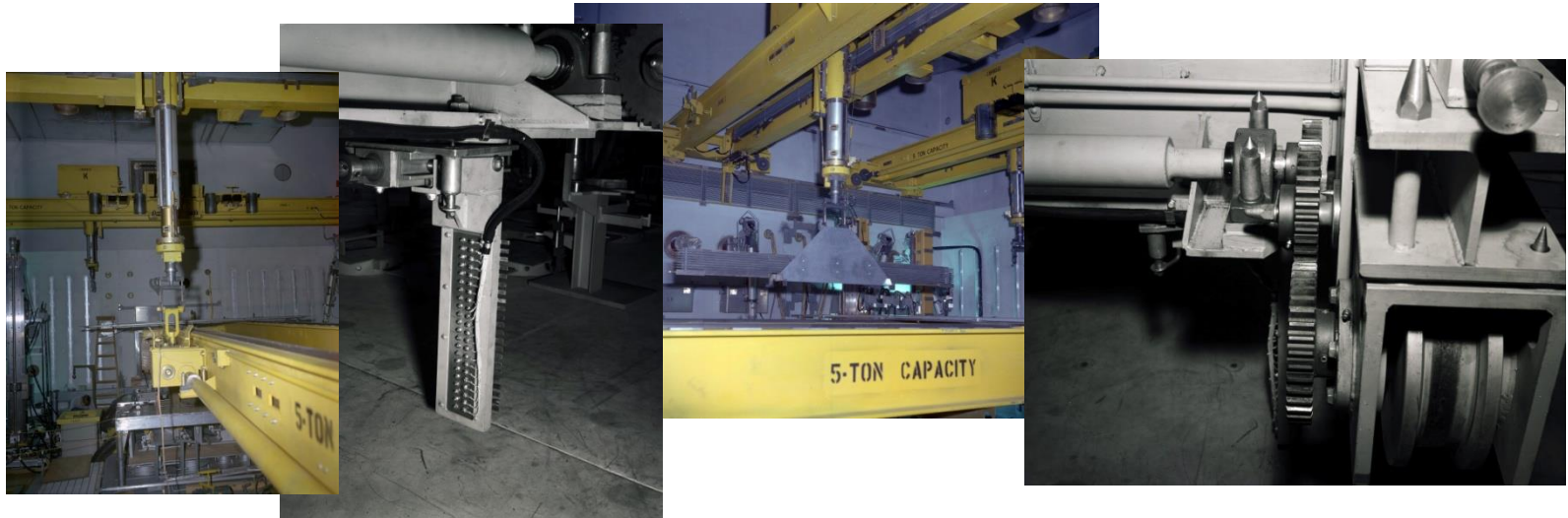
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- Bridge Removal



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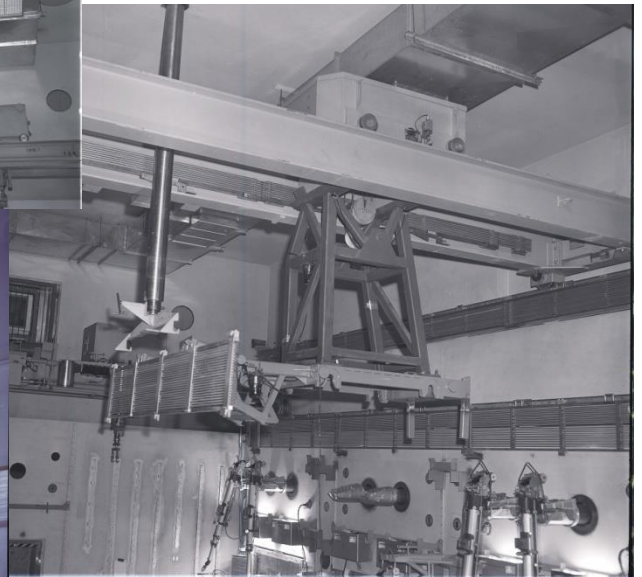
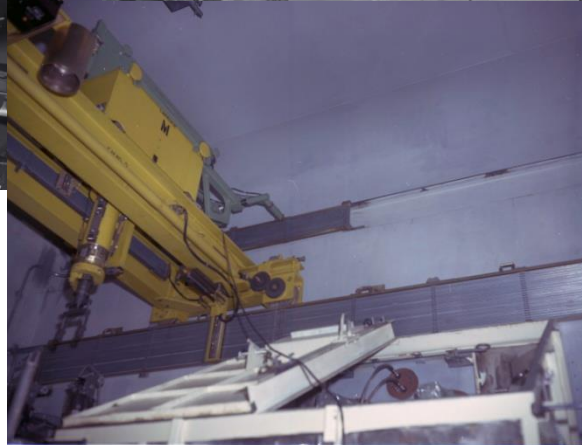
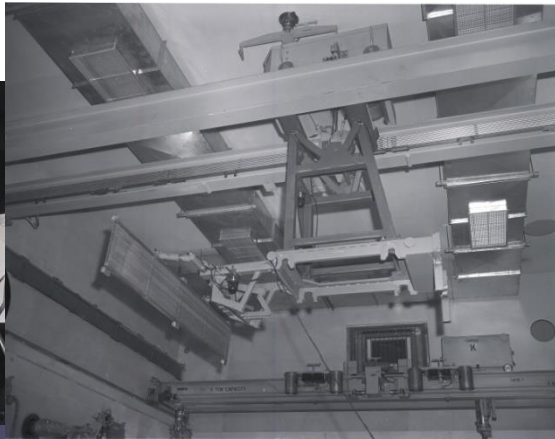
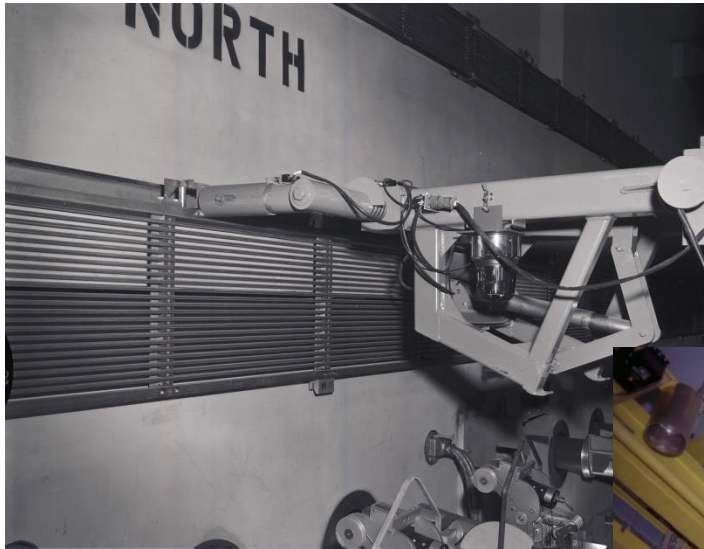
- Crane and EM Bridge Removal Capability(Main Cell Only)
  - Requires bridge lifting beam and stands for supporting the bridge.
  - Requires a large area for crane bridge trolley/carriage and staging area.
  - Modular design for remote removal of the following:
    - Wheel Modules
    - Drive Shafts
    - Buss Bars
    - Brush Pickup Assembly
    - Bridge Drive Gearbox



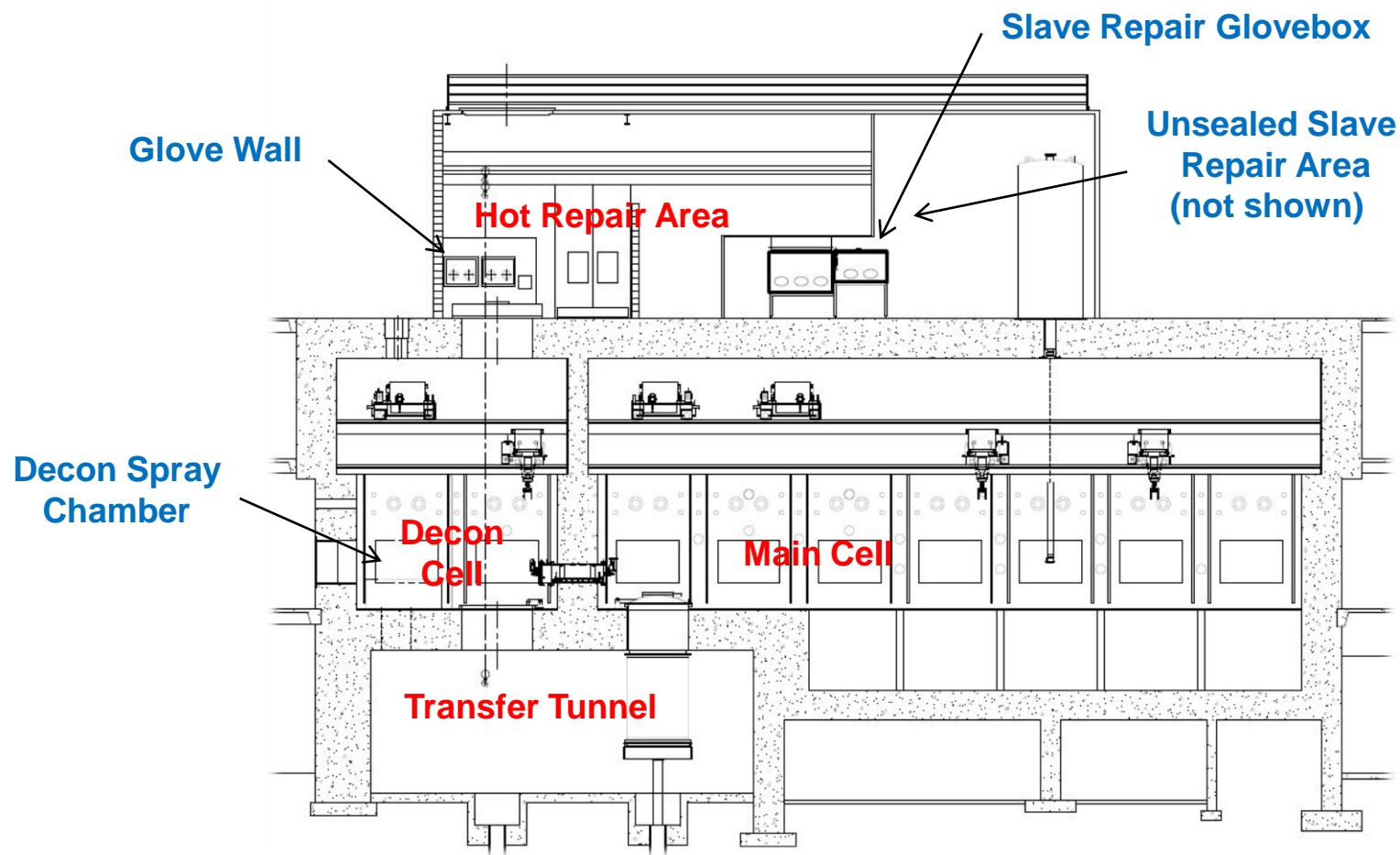


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- Wall Buss Bar Replacement Capability

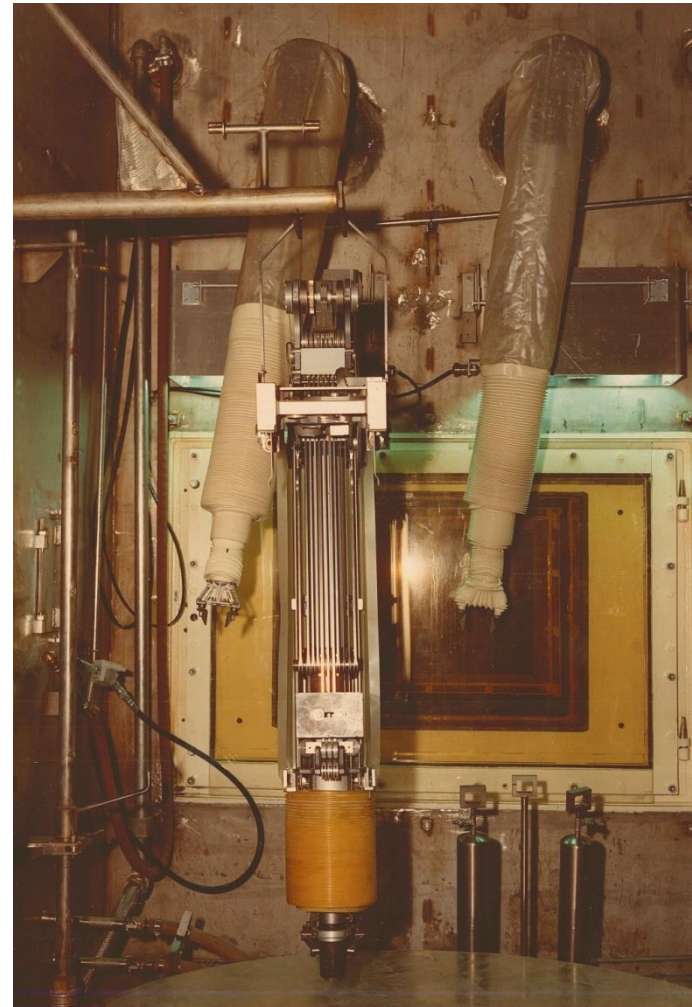


# Maintenance Support Systems/Areas



## ***Maintenance Support Systems/Areas (Continued)***

- Decon Spray Chamber (DCS)
  - High pressure spray system to decontaminate slave arms.
  - Has a rotating platform for accessing entire item.
  - Slave arms are decontaminated using the DSC.
  - Crane and EM carriages and trolleys are not typically washed. Remote wipe-down and contact decon on the HRA are usually employed.



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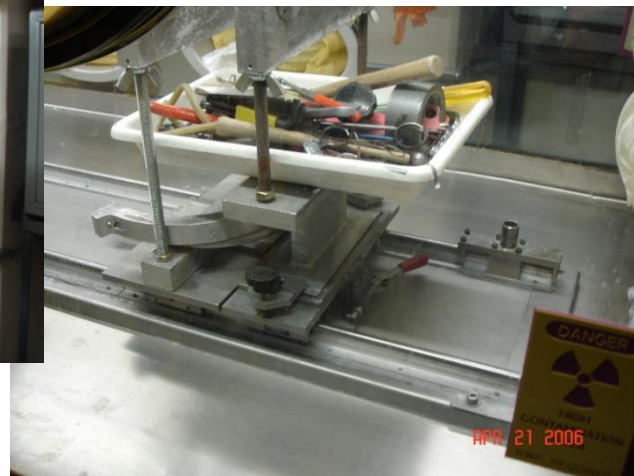
- Repair Areas
  - Suited Repair Areas/Hot Repair Areas for contact maintenance
    - Located near the decon cell. Allows for checkout of equipment for integrated testing
    - Glove walls for repair of small components after removal from the equipment
    - Operation of equipment for checkout prior to returning the component to the cell.
    - Test manipulator seal tubes for checkout of manipulators prior to returning to service.
    - Storage of manipulator slave arms for repair in the glove box and staging prior to transfer into the cell.





## ***Maintenance Support Systems/Areas (Continued)***

- Slave Repair Glove Box
  - Connected to the HRA for loading and unloading
  - Fixtures for holding slave arm in position for repairs

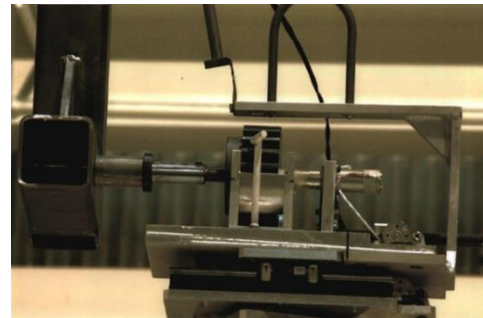


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- Unsealed Slave Repair Room
  - Room which the manipulator is loaded similar to the normal installation
  - Room is entered as a suited repair area for hands on repairs to the slave end.

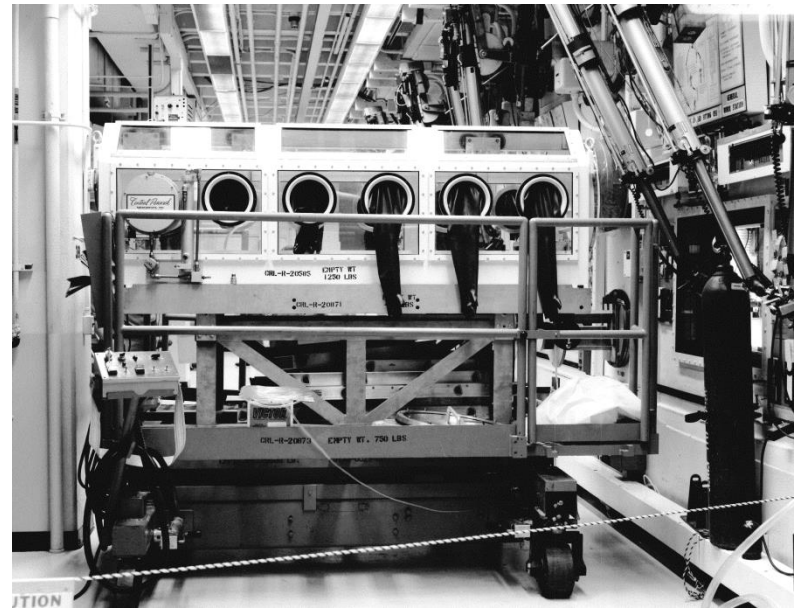
## ***Maintenance Support Systems/Areas (Continued)***

- Mockup Area
  - Specialized tool development for maintenance and recovery
  - Qualification of tooling prior to deployment
  - Operator/Technician Training
  - Qualification/Testing of modifications to handling equipment.



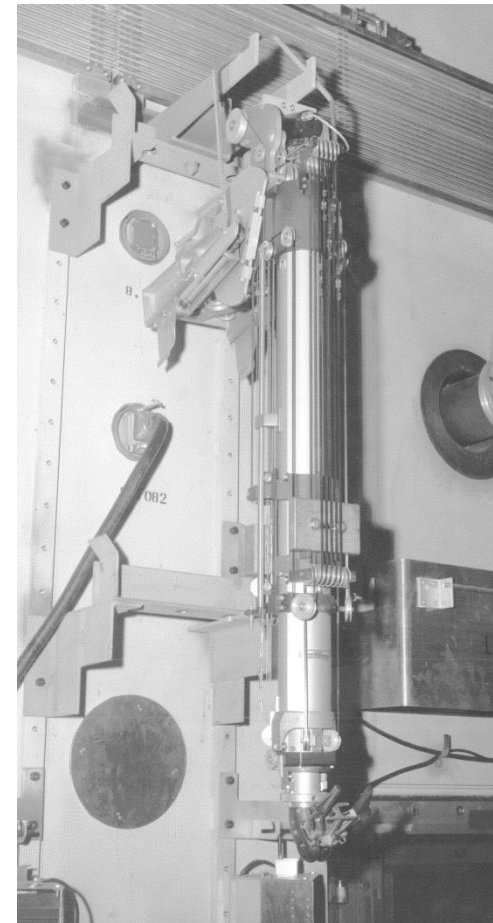
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- Repair Equipment
  - Seal Tube/Feed-through change-out
  - The glove box is coupled to the wall via sleeving bagging ring. The sleeving and glove box provides a barrier for contamination control and cell atmosphere.
  - Maintenance and repair of the seal tube is normally performed in another location.



## ***Maintenance Support Systems/Areas (Continued)***

- Miscellaneous
  - Spare master arm slave arms and unsealed manipulators.
  - Manipulator Storage for spare master arms and unsealed manipulators.
  - In-cell storage for slave arms.
  - Hot Repair Area storage for slave arms (glove box staging)
  - Spare Parts- Manipulator and overhead handling equipment spares are essential to timely corrective maintenance
  - Preventative Maintenance for early detection of repairs/problems



## *Summary*

- Modular concept is important for reduction of facility downtime from equipment failures
- A robust spare system and sufficient number of spare units reduces delays in equipment repairs.
- Design for efficient decontamination of equipment is important for the reduction of worker dose and equipment repair time.
- A considerable amount of space dedicated for maintenance is necessary.
- Suited worker accessibility must be considered in design.